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SECRETARY MEYER:

FOR AMBASSADOR KORRY FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY MEYER:

1. WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR TWO-PART MESSAGE  
(SANTIAGO AND DESCRIBING THE FAST-MOVING SITUATION IN  
SANTIAGO AND HOW YOU SEE THE VARIOUS POSSIBILITIES WHICH FREI  
IS TURNING OVER IN HIS MIND. YOUR COMPLEMENTARY MESSAGE OF  
SEPTEMBER 22 IN THIS CHANNEL PUT THE OTHER TWO MESSAGES IN  
HELPFUL PERSPECTIVE.

2. WE HAVE NOTED THE SEVERAL POSSIBLE WAYS YOU  
DESCRIBE THAT THE POLITICAL FORCES MIGHT MOVE SO AS  
CONSTITUTIONALLY TO BLOCK ALLENDE FROM TAKING POWER. WE

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CONCLUDE, HOWEVER, THAT BOTH YOU AND FREI HAVE VIRTUALLY  
ABANDONED THE HOPE THAT ALESSANDRI COULD GET ENOUGH VOTES  
TO BE ELECTED ON OCTOBER 24.

3. YOUR REPORTING, INCLUDING BOTH THE TWO-PART  
MESSAGE AND OTHERS FROM YOUR DAO, INDICATE THAT THE MILITARY  
SEEK, ABOVE ALL, A CONSTITUTIONAL WAY OUT AND HOPE SOMEBODY  
ELSE WILL PROVIDE THE MEANS. THEY APPEAR AT THE SAME TIME TO  
BE EDGING TOWARD SOME "MORAL" JUSTIFICATION FOR THWARTING  
ALLENDE. WE ARE UNCLEAR, HOWEVER, AS TO THE RELATIONSHIP  
OF THIS NEW MILITARY AWARENESS OF THE DANGER OF ALLENDE  
TAKING OFFICE TO THE SCENARIO WHICH WOULD RESULT IN ENTRY  
OF MILITARY OFFICERS INTO THE CABINET. HOW DO YOU VISUALIZE  
A MILITARY-DOMINATED CABINET, ORIENTED TOWARD CONSTITUTIONALITY,

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FRUSTRATING AN ALLENDE ASSUMPTION OF POWER ON OCTOBER 24?  
WOULD NOT FREI AND HIS LIEUTENANTS THEN BE UP AGAINST THE  
SAME WALL MENTIONED IN THE PARAGRAPH ABOVE -- THAT IS, LACK  
OF VOTES IN THE CONGRESS -- OR IS THERE SOME OTHER FORMULA  
WHICH WOULD BE WORKED OUT WHEREBY "CONSTITUTIONALITY" COULD  
BE MAINTAINED WHILE PREVENTING ALLENDE FROM TAKING OVER?  
WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY THOUGHTS YOU HAVE AS TO THE SCENARIO  
WHICH MIGHT BE INVOLVED IN SUCH A FORMULA.

//END OF MESSAGE//

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